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FILLED ATM CELLS

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action of July 31, 1998, please enter the following amendments.

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 4, 9-13, and 17, without prejudice, and amend the remaining claims as follows.:

- 1 Sub B. 1. (Amended) A method for merging partially filled ATM cells,
2 comprising the steps of:
3 removing a first partially filled ATM cell from an ATM cell stream;
4 removing a second partially filled ATM cell from the ATM cell stream;
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